Boys of his community were not allowed admission yet in all the Government schools in the State. The Member prayed that the above grievance might be redressed at least in the current year.

In regard to the award of scholarships, the Member said that, if a boy failed to get promotion to the higher class even on account of ill-health or any other unavoidable cause, he forfeited his scholarship. That rule worked hardship in the case of intelligent boys. In such cases, the Member prayed that the cause of the failure should be ascertained and the scholarship continued, if it was found that the boy had an aptitude for learning. For the benefit of others, technical schools should be started.

There was a School of Arts conducted by the community near the Lekshmipurom market in Kottayam. The site of the building belonged to a private person. The Member requested that, for locating the school, the site known as Panoorkulam, belonging to the Government, might be given to them and also a free grant of timber for a building.

The Member next prayed that a night school be specially started for the use of his community. Finally, the Member dwelt at length on the difficulty experienced by his people in imparting English education to their children. The Government had not rendered any help to them in the matter. He requested that arrangements might be made by the Government for educating at least five students from his community, in each of the Secondary schools. At present, nine students were studying English in the various English Schools of the State. He prayed that the best amongst them might be educated by the Government at their cost and that the remaining boys be granted scholarships.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

130. Raising the standard of the Kuzhithura Lower Grade Secondary School.

Mr. S. S. Ramaswami Iyer (Member, T. I. C., Kuzhithura) said that the want of a High School at Kuzhithura, was keenly felt and the people could not afford to go outside and obtain for their children the advantages of higher education. Both Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Bishop, Directors of Public Instruction, recommended to the Government the establishment of a High School at the place, but the proposal was not sanctioned by the Government. If a High School was established at Kuzhithurai, it would attract pupils from Neyyattinkara, Thuckalai, Eraniel and other places on account of the healthy situation, convenience and the cheap living at Kuzhithurai. The Member, therefore, prayed that a High school be established at Kuzhithurai.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

131. Raising the standard of the Neyyattinkara Lower Grade Secondary School.

Mr. N. O. Kesava Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Neyyattinkara) said that the present L. G. S. school had steadily grown into importance and that the absence of higher classes in the school stood in the way of increased attendance in the school. The people could not afford to send their children to Trivandrum and Nagercoil on account of their poverty. The difficulties could be obviated, if the standard of the school was raised up to the Sixth Form. The strength of the school would rise and the school would become self-supporting.

Dewan.—The Government have sanctioned the opening of the Fourth Form in the English School at Kanjiramkulam. How far is that place from Neyyattinkara ?

Member.—About 6 miles.

Dewan.—Is the distance more than 4 miles ?

Member.—The distance is nearly 6 miles. It is an out-of-the-way place and is more than 5 miles from Neyyattinkara. The place would not suit the Hindu boys. There is no water convenience also.

Dewan.—What is the strength of the III Form at present ?

Member.—Between 25 and 30. In the beginning of the year it was about 25 If higher classes are opened, the strength will increase gradually.

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